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## GEORGIA'S BROILER CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 1 PERCENT

The State's broiler chick placements totaled 1.39 billion for 2010, up 1 percent from 2009. Georgia continues to lead the US in broiler chick placements during 2010 with nearly 16% of the 19 State Total. Broiler eggs set for 2010 totaled 1.66 billion up 2 percent from 2009. Broiler chicks hatched for 2010 totaled 1.38 billion birds up 1 percent from 2009. Georgia hatched more broiler chicks for 2010 than any other State in the US.

The number of chicken hatcheries in the South Atlantic Region was reduced by 2 hatcheries to a new total of 77 hatcheries on January 1, 2011. The total capacity of the South Atlantic Region totaled 298 million eggs which was up from 2010's 292 million egg capacity. The South Atlantic Region of the US accounts for 33 percent of the total US capacity.

### Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched, Eggs Set and Chicks Placed – Georgia and United States Total: 2009-2010

	Georgia			United States		
	2009	2010	% Change	2009	2010	% Change
	1,000		+/-	1,000		+/-
Broiler Chicks Hatched	1,368,382	1,382,425	+1	9,116,802	9,277,075	+2
Broiler Eggs Set <sup>1</sup>	1,628,715	1,663,736	+2	10,421,051	10,698,407	+3
Broiler Chicks Placed <sup>1</sup>	1,371,000	1,388,087	+1	8,641,289	8,809,308	+2

<sup>1</sup> 19 State Total for United States. 2009: 52 Week Total, Weeks ending January 10, 2009 through January 2, 2009. 2010: 52 Week Total, Weeks ending January 9, 2010 through January 1, 2011.

### Chicken Hatcheries, Incubator Egg Capacity – South Atlantic Region and United States: January 1, 2010 and 2011<sup>1</sup>

	South Atlantic Region <sup>2</sup>			United States		
	2010	2011	% Change	2010	2011	% Change
	1,000		+/-	1,000		+/-
Incubator Egg Capacity	291,971	298,394	+2	896,624	894,807	-0

<sup>1</sup> Hatchery capacity is defined as the number of eggs the machines can hold in a controlled environment favorable for hatching. All setters, hatchers, and inactive capacity are included.

<sup>2</sup> South Atlantic Region includes: DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, and WV. State level breakouts of data are not available.

Source: USDA-NASS, *Hatchery Production 2010 Summary*, April 15, 2011.

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